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## Pennsylvania Cattle Inventory Down

HARRISBURG, PA, January 31, 2011 - - - Pennsylvania farmers had 1,610,000 cattle and calves on hand on January 1, 2011, down 10,000 head from the January 1, 2010 level, according to the Pennsylvania field office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS).

The Keystone State's calf crop for 2010 was 600,000 declining 10,000 head from one year ago. All cows that have calved, at 700,000, was steady from last year. Milk cow inventory, at 543,000, is down 3,000 head from January 1, 2010. Beef cows totaled 157,000, down 3,000 head from last year's beef cow inventory. Milk cow replacement heifers 500 pounds and over, at 310,000, is up 10,000 head from last year's number. Beef cow replacement heifers, at 40,000, remained unchanged from last year.

Other heifers 500 pounds and over, at 50,000, is steady from January 1, 2010. Steers in the same weight category, at 140,000, are down 10,000 head from last year's level. Bulls, at 25,000, were the same as January 1, 2010. All calves under 500 pounds, at 345,000, is down 10,000 head last year.

Primary data used in making cattle estimates for Pennsylvania and the United States were obtained from a sample of about 50,000 agricultural producers in the United States using probability surveys. Information was collected by mail, telephone and personal interview.

**UNITED STATES – All cattle and calves** in the United States as of January 1, 2011, totaled 92.6 million head, 1 percent below the 93.9 million on January 1, 2010. This is the lowest January 1 inventory of all cattle and calves since the 91.2 million on hand in 1958.

The 2010 calf crop was estimated at 35.7 million head, down 1 percent from 2009. This is the smallest calf crop since the 34.9 million born during 1950. Calves born during the first half of 2010 are estimated at 25.9 million, down 1 percent from 2009.

All cows and heifers that have calved, at 40.0 million, were down 1 percent from the 40.5 million on January 1, 2010. Milk cows, at 9.1 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2010. Beef cows, at 30.9 million, were down 2 percent from January 1, 2010. Milk replacement heifers, at 5.2 million, were up 1 percent. Beef replacement heifers, at 5.2 million, were down 5 percent.

Other class estimates on January 1, 2011, and the change from January 1, 2010, are as follows:

- All heifers 500 pounds and over, 19.5 million, down 1 percent.
- Other heifers, 9.8 million, up 1 percent.
- Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 16.4 million, down 1 percent.
- Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.2 million, down 2 percent.
- Calves under 500 pounds, 14.5 million, down 3 percent.
- Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 14.0 million, up 3 percent.
- The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots was 26.7 million, down 3 percent.

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